



GROVELAND

Essex County



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NARRATIVE

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Groveland is a small residential community which retains all of the characteristics of a friendly rural town in the setting of a convenient suburb. The town was incorporated 1850, late in the state's history, after spending the 17th and 18th centuries attached first to Rowley and then to Bradford. Groveland changed gradually during the 20th century from an agricultural community to one which is almost wholly residential, serving now as a suburb of nearby cities. Town residents have easy access to 95 and 495 and many of them commute to their jobs in Lynn or Boston. The most dramatic changes in town occurred in the 1960's when a number of good size developments were built. There are now about 5200 people and about 1700 homes in town.

Groveland has an open town meeting, "the fairest form of town government", residents note, and an excellent elementary school system which was independent until last year and is now integrated into the regional school district. Townspeople are very proud of their schools, of the friendliness of their town and of the recreation facilities along the Merrimac River. The town supports baseball and soccer fields, picnic areas and parks as well as boating facilities along the river, and these are heavily used by residents.

One long-time local official said, in describing the community, "you don't feel like a stranger here."

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Northeastern Massachusetts, bordered by West Newbury on the north, Newbury and Georgetown on the east, Boxford on the south, and Haverill on the west. Groveland is 31 miles north of Boston and 255 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 9.41 sq. miles

Land Area: 8.94 sq. miles

Population: 5,214

Density: 583 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Haverhill Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.5°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.4"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

South Groveland, Haverhill, Newburyport West, Georgetown

Regional Planning Agency

Merrimack Valley Region

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Lawrence



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 372-6861

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1850

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	3,647		
Democrats	1,034	28.4	%
Republicans	702	19.2	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	1,911	52.4	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Groveland town, Essex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	6,038	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	6,038	100.0
Male.....	2,992	49.6	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	28	0.5
Female.....	3,046	50.4	Mexican.....	6	0.1
Under 5 years.....	445	7.4	Puerto Rican.....	3	-
5 to 9 years.....	508	8.4	Cuban.....	5	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	530	8.8	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	14	0.2
15 to 19 years.....	430	7.1	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	6,010	99.5
20 to 24 years.....	178	2.9	White alone.....	5,918	98.0
25 to 34 years.....	629	10.4	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,245	20.6	Total population.....	6,038	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	935	15.5	In households.....	6,038	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	298	4.9	Householder.....	2,068	34.1
60 to 64 years.....	221	3.7	Spouse.....	1,490	24.7
65 to 74 years.....	355	5.9	Child.....	2,152	35.6
75 to 84 years.....	216	3.6	Own child under 18 years.....	1,710	28.3
85 years and over.....	48	0.8	Other relatives.....	208	3.4
Median age (years).....	37.6	(X)	Under 18 years.....	64	1.1
18 years and over.....	4,251	70.4	Nonrelatives.....	130	2.2
Male.....	2,045	33.9	Unmarried partner.....	74	1.2
Female.....	2,206	36.5	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	4,090	67.7	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	751	12.4	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	619	10.3	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	277	4.6	Total households.....	2,058	100.0
Female.....	342	5.7	Family households (families).....	1,707	82.9
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	895	43.5
One race.....	6,011	99.6	Married-couple family.....	1,490	72.4
White.....	5,941	98.4	With own children under 18 years.....	785	38.1
Black or African American.....	21	0.3	Female householder, no husband present.....	164	8.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	8	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	84	4.1
Asian.....	36	0.6	Nonfamily households.....	351	17.1
Asian Indian.....	8	0.1	Householder living alone.....	289	14.0
Chinese.....	10	0.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	131	6.4
Filipino.....	2	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	944	45.9
Japanese.....	1	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	448	21.8
Korean.....	13	0.2	Average household size.....	2.93	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.26	(X)
Other Asian ¹	2	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	2,096	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	2,068	98.2
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	38	1.8
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	6	0.3
Some other race.....	5	0.1	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	27	0.4	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.4	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	2,058	100.0
White.....	5,965	98.8	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,775	86.2
Black or African American.....	28	0.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	283	13.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	13	0.2	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.08	(X)
Asian.....	42	0.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.04	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	19	0.3			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	1
Conventional Federal:	58

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	14



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The development of transportation resources in the Merrimack River Valley, where Groveland is situated, was shaped by the history of the region as a major site of American industrial development in the nineteenth century. The area has exceptionally good highway and rail facilities linking the major cities and towns to each other and to the port, airport, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 97 and 113.

Rail

Commuter rail service to Boston's North Station is available from neighboring Haverill (travel time: 63-68 min.; no MBTA parking).

Bus

Groveland is a member of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA) but does not receive services.

Other

The Lawrence Municipal Airport, a Reliever facility (RL) located in North Andover, is easily accessible. It has two asphalt runways 3,901' and 5,000' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. Flight Line offers bus service to Logan Airport and Manchester Airport.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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